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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: KIM TAE CHUNG CASE AND DISTRUST

REF: (A) TOKYO 11033; (B) USUN 3039

1. IN AUG 29 CALL ON AMB SCALI REGARDING ANOTHER MATTER, JAPANESE CHARGE OGISO, IN DISCUSSING KOREA UNGA ITEM, COMMENTED ON IMPLICATIONS OF JAPANESE COSPONSORSHIP IN CONTEXT OF KIM CASE. (SEE ALSO REFTEL B FOR RELATED DISCUSSION IN AUGUST 30 MEETING) WE BELIEVE CONCERN ABOUT US POSITION HAS BEEN ALSO RELATED TO CHOICE OF GOJ TACTICS OGISO ATTRIBUTED TO KIM CASE.

2. OGISO SAID TOKYO HAD MADE FIRM DECISION TO KEEP KIDNAPPING ISSUE FULLY SEPARATE FROM SUPPORT FOR KOREA AT 28TH GA. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, FONMIN OHIRA EXPECTS OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF COSPONSORSHIP AGAINST BACKGROUND OF KIM CASE. THEREFORE, TOKYO HOPES THAT WORD OF COSPONSORSHIP WOULD LEAK TO PRESS "AS LATE AS POSSIBLE." PRESS WILL INEVITABLY GET WORD IMMEDIATELY AFTER JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN COSPONSORS' MEETING. IN VIEW OF THIS, OGISO SAID, DELAY OF COSPONSORS' CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

3. MISOFF SUBSEQUENTLY ON AUG 29 ASKED COUNSELOR OHTAKA, WHO HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT AT SCALI - OGISO MEETING, IF THIS MEANT THAT JAPANESE WOULD ASK FOR DELAY OF COSPONSORS' MEETING. OHTAKA SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD. LATER, PRESUMABLY AFTER CHECKING FURTHER, OHTAKA REPHRASED THIS TO MISOFF SAYING JAPANESE WOULD "NOT BE OPPOSED TO POSTPONEMENT OF COSPONSORS' MEETING IF SUGGESTED BY ANY OTHER OF THE FIVE DELEGATIONS."

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH SCALI, OGISO ALSO SAID -- AS HE DID AT MEETING OF FIVE MISSION HEADS AUG 30 -- THAT JAPANESE CONCERN ABOUT DOMESTIC REACTION LED TOKYO TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE FOR JAPANESE TO TAKE LEAD AT COSPONSORS' MEETING IN INTRODUCING AND EXPLAINING DRAFT RESOLUTION TO COSPONSORS. (WORKING GROUP HAD MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE DELEGATION SHARING LOAD AT FIRST COSPONSORS' MEETING BY SERVING AS WG SPOKESMAN HANDLING THIS ASPECT OF MEETING.)

5. DURING PRIVATE BILATERAL INTERLUDE IN COURSE OF WG SESSION EARLIER IN WEEK, JAPANESE COUNSELOR OHTAKA POINTEDLY BUT (LIKE NONOYAMA IN REFTEL A) SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY, RAISED QUESTION OF HOW HE WOULD EXPLAIN TO TOKYO LACK OF US INSTRUCTIONS, PARTICULARLY ON UNC. MISOFF HAD PREVIOUSLY TAKEN PAINS WITH WG MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY IN RESPONSE TO WG CONCERN ABOUT ABSENCE OF DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON UNC, TO UNDERLINE FACT THAT, AFTER ALL, DRAFT RESOLUTION, AND NOTABLY LANGUAGE ON UNC, WAS AN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT ISSUE FOR US INASMUCH AS US BORE HEAVIEST RESPONSIBILITY (ALONG WITH ROK ITSELF) FOR ROK SECURITY. IT SHOULD BE FULLY UNDERSTANDABLE TO WG, THEREFORE, THAT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT REQUIRED TIME AND SPECIAL CARE. IN RESPONSE TO OHTAKA'S PRIVATE QUESTION, MISOFF REPEATED THIS EXPLANATION AND SOUGHT TO REASSURE HIM THAT USG POSITION ON RESOLUTION WOULD SOON BE CLEAR. OHTAKA THAN, WITH CHARACTERISTIC LOWERING OF VOICE, SAID THAT "SOME" JAPANESE ARE UNEASY ABOUT OUR RESERVED POSITION BECAUSE THEY ARE REMINDED OF EXPERIENCE DURING 26TH GA STRUGGLE ON CHINESE REPRESENTATION ISSUE. COMMENT: OHTAKA, 1ST SECRETARY IGUCHI AND AMB OGISO (AS WELL AS OWADA) ALL WORKED CLOSELY WITH US ON 1971 CHIREP ISSUE AND OHTAKA AND MISOFF HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKED INTIMATELY AS PRINCIPAL CHANNEL BETWEEN TWO MISSIONS. OHTAKA THEREFORE WAS CONFIDENT THAT MISOFF WOULD UNDERSTAND MEANING, PARTICULARLY SINCE OHTAKA ALLUDED TO CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF SURPRISE MOVE ON US PART. END COMMENT. IN RESPONSE, MISOFF REITERATED EXPLANATION SUMMARIZED ABOVE AND STRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT OHTAKA WOULD SOON BE SATISFIED THAT SUCH CONCERN WAS GROUNDLESS.

6. COMMENT: JAPANESE MISSION HERE IN PAST 18 MONTHS HAS DEMONSTRATED ON MANY OCCASIONS THAT DISTRUST REMAINS FROM CHIREP EXPERIENCE. WE SURMISE THAT, ALTHOUGH TACTICS JAPANESE WISH TO ADOPT INITIALLY WITH COSPONSORS ARE BASED PRINCIPALLY ON THOSE FACTORS MENTIONED BY OGISO, THERE ALSO IS TENDENCY TO HOLD BACK UNTIL USG POSITION IS FULLY CLARIFIED AND USG IS EVERY BIT OUT AS FAR ON ROK LIMB AS GOJ IS. WE HOPE THAT US - JAPANESE BILATERALS IN TOKYO THIS WEEK, BUTTRESSED BY OUR MOST RECENT INSTRUCTIONS, WILL BE HELPFUL IN ALLAYING THIS ANXIETY ABOUT USG POLICY ON THIS ISSUE.

7. HOWEVER, WE ARE ASSUMING, IN ABSENCE OF FUTURE TOKYO ANALYSIS TO CONTRARY, THAT, GIVEN SENSITIVITY IN JAPAN ABOUT KIM CASE, JAPANESE WILL CONTINUE, FOR AT LEAST COMING WEEKS, TO BE HANDICAPPED BY FEAR OF PRESS/OPPOSITION REACTION TO TOO VOCAL ROLE IN NEW YORK ON ROK BEHALF. THEIR SEMI-PUBLIC ROLE NOTWITHSTANDING, WE ALSO WOULD EXPECT THAT JAPANESE WILL BE PREPARED ENGAGE IN VIGOROUS LOBBYING CAMPAIGN BOTH HERE AND NEW YORK.

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